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HOUSE RESOLUTION 292
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ms. Dedra Danielle Freeman upon being selected to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Australia.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to those sterling citizens who, through their diligence and dedication, have pieced together the enduring fabrics that comprise the grand tapestry of the United States; and

WHEREAS, through their sterling efforts, these remarkable citizens are a credit to their respective families, schools, and communities, and to this state, and have distinguished themselves as outstanding Tennesseans of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative person is Dedra Freeman, who was one of 40 outstanding students selected to represent the state of Tennessee and the United States in the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Australia; and

WHEREAS, this ambassador program was started in 1948 by President Eisenhower to encourage world peace through young adults; and

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WHEREAS, students are selected because of their outstanding leadership abilities and after a thorough review of recommendations from principals, guidance counselors, teachers, and others; Dedra was chosen as one of 40 participants from among a group of 80-100 high school students from the states of Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study and an unyielding commitment of time and talent, Ms. Freeman has achieved unparalleled success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest young people in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional student at Whitehaven High School, Dedra is an active member of several extra-curricular clubs and organizations, including the Spanish Club, the Stock Club, Teens for Peace, All For One, Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT), and the Mock Trial team; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman has demonstrated exceptional musical ability as an important member of the choir, the Spanish Choir, and the Instrumental/Jazz Band in which she plays French horn; and

WHEREAS, she has led her fellow students in showing support for Whitehaven High School's athletic teams as a cheerleader, and as a majorette; she is also a member of the Memphis All-Star Dance Team; and

WHEREAS, during her laudable high school career, Dedra has earned numerous awards and accolades, including the William Sweet Certificate and the Outstanding Leadership Award; she has been nominated for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and has been inducted into the Beta Club and National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman's rare display of aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual whose benevolent nature knows no bounds, Dedra selflessly donates her time and talents as a volunteer for the Douglas Community Center

Summer Program, the Salvation Army Feed the Homeless program, and the Senior Care Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Delores Robinson-Freeman and Marcellous A. Freeman, Sr.; her brother, Marcellous A. Freeman, Jr.; Whitehaven High School; and her community; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Dedra Freeman worships the Lord as an active member of the Olivet Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Dedra plans to further her education in college and eventually pursue a career as a lawyer; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dedra Freeman for her many achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Ms. Dedra Danielle Freeman upon being selected to participate in the People to People Ambassador Program to Australia, salute her tireless pursuit of excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.